PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

CUNNINGHAM et al.

Art Unit: 1652

Application No.: 09/701.395

Examiner: D. Ramirez

Filed: September 25, 2001

Attorney Dkt. No.: 108172-00022

For:

GENES OF CAROTENOID BIOSYNTHESIS AND METABOLISM AND METHODS FOR USE THEREOF

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Date: November 10, 2003

Sir:

Applicant petitions for an extension of time for one month for response to the outstanding Office Action dated July 9, 2003 from October 9, 2003 to November 9, 003.

Please find attached a check in the amount of \$110 to cover the fee discussed above. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency or credit any overpayment associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 01-2300 under Client Matter No. 108172-00022.

Respectfully submitted,

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USE THEREOF

REQUEST FOR REFUND

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

December 9, 2003

Sir:

The undersigned respectfully requests a refund of \$55.00 from the large entity filing fee paid on November 10, 2003. The applicant herein is entitled to Small Entity Status under 37 CFR 1.9(f) and 1.27(b) and, therefore, it is believed that a refund in the amount of one half of the filing fee is proper.

It is respectfully requested that the refund be credited to the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 01-2300. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

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STATEMENT VERIFYING SMALL ENTITY STATUS

Mail Stop Missing Parts Commissioner for Patents Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 December 9, 2003

Sir:

The above-identified application claims small entity status.

In the event any fees are required, please charge our Deposit Account No. 01-2300.

Respectfully submitted,

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